

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 37, 52, 53 and 65-70 are pending following entry of the above amendments to the claims. Claim 1 was amended to conform with the elected invention as set forth on pages 3-4 of the present Office Action.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b)

Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 17, 21, 26, 30 and 37 are rejected under 102 (b) as being anticipated by Sasse et al EP 18493. In particular, the Examiner sets forth on page 5 of the Office Action a comparison of the compound of claimed 1 of Sasse and the instantly claimed compounds.

In reply, Applicants submit that this rejection is rendered moot by the amendment to claim 1 to delete that L can be a valence bond. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph

Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 17, 21, 26, 30, 37, 52-53, and 65-66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite on several grounds. These rejections are respectfully traversed and each rejection is addressed below.

A and C-F) these rejections are believed to be rendered moot by the amendments to the claims presented herein;

B) The phrase “optionally may be substituted with one or more groups” is not indefinite because the maximum number of substituents is necessarily limited by the molecule (eg cycloalkyl) to which the substituents may be optionally attached.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the above amendments and remarks address the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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